

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (previously presented): A cryogenic fluid tank comprising an inner casing arranged in an outer casing with a vacuum insulation space in between, the casings having a flattened general configuration, wherein it comprises at least one tubular structure which connects two main faces of the inner casing and in which there extends at least one rigid linking element connecting the two main faces of the outer casing, and at least two flexible linking elements respectively connecting a main face of the outer casing and a main face of the inner casing.

Claim 12 (original): The tank of claim 11, wherein each flexible linking element connects a main face of one casing to the opposed main face of the other casing.

Claim 13 (original): The tank of claim 11, wherein the flexible linking elements are mounted in tension between end swivel fittings.

Claim 14 (original): The tank of claim 11, wherein the tubular structure is integral with two end rings fastened to the main faces of the inner casing.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~The tank of claim 11~~ A cryogenic fluid tank comprising an inner casing arranged in an outer casing with a vacuum insulation space in between, the casings having a flattened general configuration, wherein it comprises at least one tubular structure which connects two main faces of the inner

casing and in which there extends at least one rigid linking element connecting the two main faces of the outer casing, and at least two flexible linking elements respectively connecting a main face of the outer casing and a main face of the inner casing, wherein the rigid linking element is mounted between two cylindrical cups fastened to the main faces of the outer casing.

Claim 16 (original): The tank of claim 12, wherein it has a plurality of flexible linking elements angularly distributed around the rigid linking element.

Claim 17 (original): The tank of claim 11, wherein the flexible linking elements consist of strands of nonmetallic fibers.

Claim 18 (original): The tank of claim 11, wherein the casings are metallic.

Claim 19 (currently amended): ~~The tank of claim 18~~ A cryogenic fluid tank comprising an inner casing arranged in an outer casing with a vacuum insulation space in between, the casings having a flattened general configuration, wherein it comprises at least one tubular structure which connects two main faces of the inner casing and in which there extends at least one rigid linking element connecting the two main faces of the outer casing, and at least two flexible linking elements respectively connecting a main face of the outer casing and a main face of the inner casing, wherein the casings are made of sheet metal having a thickness below 4 mm.

Claim 20 (original): The use of the tank of claim 11 for the storage of cryogenic fluid in a motor vehicle.

Claim 21 (new): The tank of claim 11, wherein the flexible linking elements are mounted in tension between the main face of the outer casing and the main face of the inner casing.